

JOHN E. ORGAN, it is announced, will be a candidate for Representative in Dent county this year. We would like to see a list of Organ's aspirations the past thirty years, and if that doesn't prove he's a "chronic office-seeker" we'll never make the charge again.

A MEETING of the Congressional Committee was held at Bismarck last Saturday. Ten of the eleven committeemen were present and Saturday, May 21st, was named as the day for holding the primary election to nominate a candidate for Congress in this district.

THE REGISTER is not intimating wrong-doing but we should like to know why some of the papers in the district were furnished with the call for the Congressional Committee meeting at Bismarck and others were not. It occurs to us that notice of these meetings should be given greatest possible publicity.

I ASK my Republican contemporaries to cease for a little while baiting the little "boodle" tribe in Missouri, take a run over into Kansas, and have a try at bigger game. The Republican leader in that time-tried, fire-tested and grasshopper proved commonwealth is in the toils. He loved hard cash, "not wisely, but too well," just like some other ardent Republican Reformers not known as yet to fame.

AS GIVEN under glaring headings in the *Republic*, the New York Gold-bug "Herald's" Poll Shows Only Seven Democratic Congressmen with Bryan." If true, so much the worse for the other Democratic Congressmen. According to the "poll" only eight out of Missouri's delegation "agree with Bryan." I'd really like to know the names of the other nine, but not belonging to the Civic Righteous, I suppose it's none of my business and I have no right to make inquiry.

IN the coming trial of Ed. Butler, charged with "boodling," the *Republic* holds that the good people of Callaway county will be on trial too. Does this mean that if a verdict of "guilty" be not returned the *Republic's* vials of wrath will descend upon the bald and devoted heads of Callawayites? The *Republic* and the law and the evidence, if they were truly *juncta in uno*, would no doubt make juries unnecessary. But, unfortunately, they are frequently wide apart as the illimitability of space.

IT has been said that those who hold office for life or good behavior rarely die and never resign. "A good thing" is certainly long-lived—in the public service. Vide this from the *Commoner*: "The other day a report was filed in Washington. It recalled a scandal of thirty years ago—The Freedman's Savings and Trust bank. The bank failed thirty years ago, and its affairs were taken in hand by the government for the purpose of winding them up. The end is not yet, and the expenses to-day exceed the disbursements to old-time depositors. But the commission provides fat salaries for a lot of politicians, and that is the only excuse that can be offered for the long drawn out affair."

ACCORDING to the newspaper accounts, U. S. Senator Burton of Kansas received \$4,500 from the Rialto Grain and Commission Co. for his "influence" with the postal authorities, and for this he has been indicted. At the risk of being afresh denominated "the boodlers' friend," I say that I have little sympathy with the prosecution. I don't, and never did, believe in making the postal system a filter for the purification of matter going through the mails. The step from purification to vicious censorship is too short for the safety and good of a free people. If the various States are not equal to administering justice then wipe out their lines and subject everything to Federal tin-godism.

RUTH CLEVELAND, daughter of former President Cleveland, died recently at Princeton. Miss Cleveland, who was about fifteen years of age, was the eldest of the Cleveland children. The Philadelphia *Inquirer* unquestionably reflects public sentiment when it says: "A dozen years ago the newspapers were filled with the doings of 'Baby Ruth,' and when the Cleverlands entered the White House the second time there were two babies to prattle in the historic halls. Death never seems so heartrending as when it comes to the young girl just on the verge of womanhood, with all the beautiful things of life ahead of her. Death is never welcomed (in spite of our pro-

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(fessed faith) and always abhorred. In the case in question we have another confirmation of the saying of Horace: "Pale death with equal steps, knocks at the hovels of the poor and the palaces of kings." There will be tears and sympathy go out toward the bereaved of Princeton in unmeasured flow."

THE *Pest-Dispatch*—God wot!—is crying like a suckling babe for "harmony" in the Democratic ranks, and to this end insists that Mr. Bryan must close his mouth and retire from the political field. Certainly! Let the direction of the party be turned over to the Benedict Arnolds who deserted it in 1896 and 1900—the Hills, the Gormans, the Cleverlands, the Olneys, and the other "conservative Eastern Democrats," who must either rule or ruin. Let principle go a-Maying, but stand for "harmony and the offices." Let the P.-D. and the New York *World*, and their ilk, be made sole advisors to the party. They've served several terms in that role with the Republican party, and will bring to us the advantage of their wisdom gained through experience. But Bryan must stand aside. He's too impracticable, and doesn't seem to recognize that successful villainy gives warrant for its continuance. He must pocket himself and give way to the gall of the late assistant Republicans. Selah and amen!

I SEE that Congress is being urged to make appropriations for the construction of roads in all the States. Good roads would remove more than one difficulty standing in the way of our comfort and happiness, and I know of nothing more important to the general welfare; but I am not in favor of having them constructed by the Federal Government. Their building and maintenance is a duty devolving upon the several States, and their supervision ought to be close to the people. This latter-day idea of flying to the general government for relief from all inconvenience or ill is pernicious, tending to the wiping out of State lines and destroying their sovereignty in all matters, local as well as general. If State government is found impracticable and ineffective, then let us honestly do away with the States and go to Washington for everything the public needs, or thinks it ought to have. In that case, it is true, the servant will be master, and the erstwhile master slave; but the duties that worry him now he will know no more—he will need neither soul nor name, but may live and die an insensate part of the great machine he bullded and once did direct.

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Weather Report.

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Ironton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1904:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday.....	20	56	.49
Thursday.....	21	51	.49
Friday.....	23	27	.25
Saturday.....	23	28	.13
Sunday.....	24	41	—
Monday.....	25	14	.6
Tuesday.....	26	19	.7

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An Havana, Ark., reader sends an extract from a statement made by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, in which, referring to the Democratic position on the money question, Mr. Shaw said: "They said it was Jacksonian. It was not. Jackson was a gold standard man. They said it was Jeffersonian. It was not. Jefferson is on record as favoring the single gold standard." Perhaps Mr. Shaw has forgotten that Andrew Jackson signed a bill providing for the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and he would find it just as difficult to prove that Thomas Jefferson was a single gold standard man as he would to prove that Andrew Jackson was a monometallist.—*The Commoner*.

The Republican party has all along been claiming credit for the past prosperity, but when mills and factories shut down and wages of employees reduced, and the price of hogs and cattle dropped about half, it is business depression, and has nothing to do with politics.—*Jonesburg Journal*.

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